# To Consolidate Small Schools

Long-Range Plan To Get Under Way Within 10 Years

By Charles A. McAleer

land, 10 are located in Prince ator Bricker, Republican, of Ohio.

shortages. Altogether, preliminary hearing. there are 98 schools in the county.

This was reported yesterday by John B. Diamond requested the who disclosed plans for the eventual hearing. elimination or consolidation of most Kaiser is to be held without bond.

of the program is expected to be under way within 10 years.

10 Colored Schools Proposed. plans, according to Paul C. Cooper, present. county supervisor of school construction, call for colored elementary schools to be consolidated in 10

attended the first three grades in the Capitol. the Seabrook Elementary School.

Two-room schools for white chil- The two shots went wild, but the County police reported. Brandywine; Columbia Park, where Bricker and J. H. Macomber, Senscene to fight it out. Berwyn Elementary School.

### Closing of School Opposed.

In the case of the Nottingham from 150 feet away. nd Brookridge schools, Mr. Cooper John Eckler, administrative as-

Mr. Cooper added.

Residents of Seabrook have long requested a new school for their immediate plans. The School Board Senate galleries," he said. tary School a mile away.

age six rooms and would include tainly do not want to search all of wine hear and auditorium feeilities afeteria and auditorium facilities. the visitors."

3 Colored Schools Overcrowded.

county schools were colored.

There are 34 elementary schools for colored students, two senior high Junior Chamber Plans schools-Lakeland at Berwyn and Douglass at Upper Marlboro—and 2 Meetings Monthly the Highland Park Junior High Elementary School.

Complete Change Sought. which would be conducted on a Mason Hotel. basis of the present population, still The chamber has met once a town-Frederick highway.

we've got for them now," Mr. Cooper dent Allen L. Fredd said. "We have only five reasonably good, modern schools out of the total of 37 for colored -Bladensburg, Oxon Hill, North Brentwood and Fairmount Heights Elementary Schools and Douglass High School.

Work to Start This Week.

Work is expected to begin this week on the construction of a modern elementary school at Landover Hills, it calls for nine classrooms, a workshop, auditorium, cafeteria and library.

Bids will be opened July 29 for the erection of a six-classroom gymnasium and cafeteria addition to the Laurel High School: on August 12 for construction of a new senior high school at Upper Marlboro, and on August 26 for a similar project at Oxon Hill. Both new high schools will include 14 classrooms, an auditorium, gymnasium and cafeteria.

Ground is expected to be purchased under this year's program also for new senior high schools in the Bladensburg and the Hyattsville-University Park areas.

4 Millions in Bonds Authorized.

present system."

The Maryland General Assembly at its last session authorized \$4,000,-000 in bonds for Price Georges County school construction, equally divided between 1947 and 1948. Half of this amount was sold last Tues-

Behind times in its school construction, the county has been attempting to match its school facilities with its rise in population. This, according to official Census Bureau estimates, has jumped from 89,000 to approximately 150,000 since 1940. 'We're still hampered by high prices and a shortage of construction materials," School Supt. G. Gardner Shugart declared. "We are,

## Prince Georges Gourt Commits **Bricker** Attacker For Sanity Test

Hearing Set Aug. 14; **Ex-Policeman Faces Two Charges** 

A mental examination was ordered today for William L. Kaiser, former Of the 174 one-room, one-teacher Capitol policeman charged with schoolhouses still existing in Mary- firing two shots Saturday at Sen-

Judge Ellen K. Raedy in Munici-In addition, the county also has pal Court directed that Kaiser be 21 two-room schools, some of which sent to Gallinger Hospital for obhave only one teacher because of servation and set August 14 for a Assistant United States Attorney

county board of education officials examination during the brief court

and Mr. Diamond announced that Although not scheduled for the he was being charged with assault immediate future, a major portion with intent to kill and with carrying a dangerous weapon.

Kaiser was not represented by

Senator Bricker did not attend This will involve consolidating the the court session. Lt. Robert Mur-37 colored schools of the county-ray of the metropolitan police ex-30 of which are in the one, two and plained earlier that it would not be three room category. Tentative necessary for Senator Bricker to be

Arrested in Less than Hour.

Lt. Murray and Detective Sergt. Wilbur Coffey arrested Kaiser Sat-The one-room schools for white students are confined to rural areas. apartment house at 1330 Massachu-Last year, 28 students attended the setts avenue N.W. less than an hour six grades at the Nottingham Ele- after two shots were fired at Senmentary School, and 18 at the ator Bricker near the Senate Office Brookridge School. A total of 31 Building entrance to the subway to

Kaiser, who lost his job as Capi-One-room schools for colored several years ago was an employe three other colored persons dead, tol policeman last April 30 and who pupils are located in Annandale, in the county auditor's office at Co-Croome Station, Accokeek, Dupont lumbus, Ohio, was quoted by police wounded another and then killed heights, Poplar Hill, Brandywine as saying; "I did it to refer he himself last night 2½ miles south Heights, Poplar Hill, Brandywine as saying: "I did it to refresh Senator Bricker's memory.'

the upper grades went to Cottage ate Expenditures Committee clerk, City, and Berwyn Heights, where jumped aboard the single-rail subgrades four to six were sent to the way car and sped toward the Capitol. They crouched behind a seat

aid, residents of the area are content to continue with the same articles and today that "the Senator has said to the head, was reported in "fair" rangement rather than consolidate nothing one way or the other about condition at South Baltimore Genand have their children transferred asking leniency" for Kaiser. He deto Upper Marlboro. Both may be clared Senator Bricker is leaving Harris was found on the ground consolidated, however, if attendance the entire matter to police au- outside the house, shot in the head, thorities.

ridge School resulted in pleas to the potential danger to his col- the scene by the sound of the shootthe School Board for its retention, leagues than with his own escape ing and while standing outside the

Worried About Crowds. "I've often worried about the huge community, but none is included in crowds we have just overhead in the immediate plans. The School Board has decided that children of the would be a mighty easy thing for some one to drop a grenade over Is Set Aside in Virginia the railing. But I don't know what Under the proposed reorganiza- can be done about the situation tion of colored schools, the 10 other than have our guards and of a December 17 local option elecelementary structures would aver- doormen be more alert. We cer-

All would be located within six to ight miles of their pupils.

After he identified Kaiser last Wise, County Circuit Court order.

Saturday, Senator Bricker said the Transporter handed to S. Hollie officially filed a liquidation suit lation for a separate election. In Fairmount Heights, constructure against the concern. He declared Judge Morton ruled that he erred 45 now play in the "advance" band of eight rooms an auditorium he did not remember Keiser in con-

that Kaiser did not lose his job show 3,944 of the 22,000 students of own appointee went to work as a Capitol policeman.

The Alexandria Junior Chamber

colored pupils and would mean month and dinner meetings will be what could be done about protecting the band. abandonment of almost everything held on the fourth Monday, Presi- the highway before "it is loaded with



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SHE SHOWS HOW - Mrs. Walter Swyers (left), wife of the director of the band at Camp Happyland, leads out on the alto horn as a group of youthful pupils follows suit.

# Wounds 1, Kills Self

SNOWDENTOWN, Md., July 14. A 30-year-old colored man shot of Glen Burnie, Anne Arundel

dren, with only one teacher last first of them, fired from a distance victims in an argument, the killer, After shooting the first of his four year, are located at Accokeek, where of only 15 feet, left a nick shoulder-Elijah Queen, barricaded himself in the three upper grades went to high in the brickwork. Senator his house. Police were sent to the

But the man turned the shotgun on himself before they arrived. Police Chief John H. Sauers idenas the assailant reloaded the .22- tified the dead as: Queen, Levi caliber target pistol and fired again Harris, who lived in Queen's house; Viola Queen and Alice Miles, neigh-

with a butcher knife beside him.

wine, beer and other alcoholic tion Army. beverages, has been set aside by a land." It is located in the Chopa-

Saturday, Senator Bricker said the former Capitol policeman had talked In an opinion handed to S. Holli- It has complete camp facilities and 1263 Wisconsin avenue N.W.; Lucille The situation in the colored with him several times in recent day Sutherland of Clintwood, atthe daily program provides for band Moore, 15, of 3217 Twelfth street chools is not as critical as it is months about money he claimed he donts contesting the referendum practice, recreation, rest, and de-N.E.; Gainell Barham, 12, and her some white schools, Mr. Cooper lost in the liquidation of a Columbus dents contesting the referendum, votional periods. aid. The only overcrowding, where loan and savings firm in 1932. Sen- Judge George Morton upheld Mr. double shifts were necessary last ator Bricker said he was attorney Sutherland's contention that Pound to 18 years old, are affiliated with 919 G street S.E., and Kenneth double shifts were necessary last at Bricker said he was attorney and did not have a large enough popuvear, was at Glenarden, Chapel Hill general of Ohio at the time and did not have a large enough poputhe Salvation Army sponsors of the Holroyd, 10, of 8 Leeward Green

tion of eight rooms, an auditorium he did not remember Kaiser in con- ordering the referendum since while 41 are beginners. There is no Purdum, Bible class, Lt. Howard and cafeteria as an addition to the nection with that action and that Pound was not incorporated until tuition fee and if some of the young Whitehead, cornet; Capt. Al Osclementary school already has been he had not known Kaiser in Ohio. 1946 and therefore no Federal census people do not have their own musistarted under this year's \$2,000,000 Kaiser was appointed to the Capi- was taken in 1940. Under Virginia cal instruments, the Salvation Army school building program. In addi- tol police in October, 1945, by Sena- law, any county, city or town must provides them. tion, this year's program includes tor Bricker's predecessor, former have a population of at least 900, acpreparation of plans for a new col- Senator Huffman, Democrat, of cording to a Federal census, to be ored senior high school at Fair- Ohio. Senator Bricker explained eligible for a local option election.

signs and hot-dog stands."



RURAL EDUCATION-Linda Lee Rawes, 4, and her 8-month-old sister, Roberta Myra, both of Lanham Park, Md., look at the however, trying to improve our one-room seabrook school, which both

Brows drawn in concentration, a group of Washington youngsters attending the Salvation

Army band camp near Triangle, Va., tries a little ensemble work under the watchful eye of Capt. John D. Needham (left). The students are (left to right) Kenneth Holroyd, Helen McIntire, Eleanor Barham and her sister Gainell, Lucille Moore, Raymond Cooper and Ronald Davis. Kneeling behind the beginners are Lt. Howard Whitehead (left) and Capt. Leslie Hall, assisting

D. C. Children in Group.

sister, Eleanor Barham, 10, of 448 H

Other instructors are Capt. Robert

borne, alto horn; Capt. Leslie Hall,

Watts, recreation, and Peter Hof-

'Wise Man Should Know'

## An effort by former School Supt. Senator Bricker told reporters last Nicholas Orem to close the Brooknight he was more concerned with ridge School resulted in pleas to the potential danger to his collective scene by the sound of the shooting and while standing outside the house were shot by Queen from the At Salvation Army 'Band Camp' Employment Service

By Harry Lever Star Staff Correspondent

and surrounding areas who are at Theobald, who is director of the tending a "band camp" here are Salvation Army Band in Springfield, learning to play musical instru- Mass. He is guest bandmaster at ments in order to become "street "Happyland." The camp is known as "Happy-

wansic area not far from town. street S.E.; Raymond Cooper, 10, of The campers, who range from 11

two weeks project. Of the total,

### Music and Outdoor Life.

"Here we give the children a man, jr., guest cornet soloist. nusical education combined with The salvation Army project is one Last year's attendance statistics until almost two months after his ley W. Bouterse, head of the Salvance of t To Discuss Highway Signs children are giving their time to the Red Shield Boys' Club. A scotting by lightning. dedication of a Christian motivation. program for "Girl Guards" starts FREDERICK Md., July 14.—Reptheir home towns and play the sacred resentatives of the Confederation of music of the Salvation Army when resentatives of the Compunities

The final group will be a fresh-air winiarz of Springfield State Hos
Western Maryland Communities

The final group will be a fresh-air winiarz of Springfield State Hos-Western Maryland Communities, their training fully qualifies them." camp for underprivileged children pital here. of Commerce will meet twice a month, beginning with a meeting at meeting at month, beginning with a meeting at meeti One of the most enthusiastic of not directly affiliated with the Sal-The program for colored schools, 8 o'clock tonight at the George 27 to discuss methods of improving of Bridgeport, W. Va., smallest boy scenic conditions along the Hagers- in the group. He wants to get into the advance band and publicized his is little more than a dream of offi- month in the past. Under the new James H. Gambrill, jr., of Fred- desire by wriggling his 99 pounds dockworker, was sent to jail for brother in a small metal wagon program, business sessions will be erick, president of the confedera- into position behind a big brass stealing 50 pounds of tea from the when the lightning struck. "It would be the ideal setup for held the second Monday of each tion, suggested the meeting to see Sousaphone, largest instrument in docks, his father, George Page, 66,

Finally ensconced in the horn's city because some of the tea was Historical Society to Meet "oompah-oompah's" which might knowledge of it. In discharging him, gomery County Historical Society J. Ortman, president, announced to-have been perfect except that the magistrate cautioned him: "A will be held at 8 p.m. Friday at the day. big horn began to fall and he had wise mans knows what goes on in home of Mrs. Beryle E. Gray on the Plans for future activities also to get out from under for reasons his own house.

"He's coming along fine, though, in playing the small alto horn," asserted Adjt. Walter Swyers, one of the band leaders.

His 5 Children Play.

Adjt. Swyers' wife, Anna, teaches he alto horn choral group and their ive children also are band members. They are Ann, 18; William, 17;

Walter, jr., 13; Robert, 9, and Davy, 6. Davy is learning to play the triangle and appears to like privacy in his efforts. He was believed to be the source of some unusual music which came from behind a tree as the band played a bit farther away. There is all sort of mysterious music around the area. It emanates from doorways, windows and other odd places as the youngsters practice by themselves. Many of them have progressed far and their col-

ship, is well synchronized. Occasionally a youngster who is alone will break out in boogiewoogie. This appears to excite Davy. Every 5 minutes he approached Col. Bouterse with a plaintive request to join the advanced section.

lective music, when under leader-

Advancement "Soon." "Will I be able to play with them oon, colonel?" he asked.

"Sure, Davy, soon," replied Col. Bouterse encouragingly. Davy walked away, banging at the triangle and telling friends: "O, boy, he said Besides their band duties, several

The leaders like their work, and

of the youngsters pitch in with

kitchen duty. The kitchen is

## of swimming and "Fun Night." Besides Mr. Swyers, the other leaders

Among the Washington children

learning to play music at the camp announced the appointment of Martha Ann Miller, third vice pres-Ralph A. Sentman, 1925 Academy ident; Mrs. Virginia Thacher, Secare Ronald Davis, 15, of 1411 G graduate, as employment consultant retary, and Julian D. Simpson,

tive employers may obtain informa- Police Unable to Locate tion on the service by addressing the street N.W.; Helen McIntire, 16, of United States Naval Academy Alumni Association Employment Laytonsville Woman Service, Suite 801, 1507 M street N.W.,

### **Lightning Kills Two Boys** trombone: Capt. Victor Farmer. At Sykesville, Md. baritone and Euphonium; Edgar

The boys were found Saturday

severe thunderstorm. Hospital Supt. Kenneth Jones said Fred ap-When Stanley T. Page, a London parently had been pulling his Association will meet at 8 p.m. Wed-

## was accused of complicity by the

Beallsville road near Poolesville.

Expansion of the United States the Arlington Civic Federation, the them, police were told Naval Academy Alumni Association Citizens Committee for School Im-TRIANGLE, Va., July 14.—Eightysix boys and girls from the District
Military road N.W., and Herbert
officers who served under honorable
Women Voters and the Organized
him to spend the night at his home. conditions was announced today by Women Voters. Rear Admiral C. E. Coney, USN re- Beside Mr. Campbell and Mr. tired, executive director of the asso- Le Beau, other officers of the con-

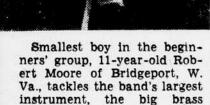
Former naval officers or prospec-

Mrs. Finneyfrock, mother of two SYKESVILLE, Md., July 14.-Dr. where she was employed, about store about 3 p.m. Saturday, July 5.

from her since. Dr. Marsh's verdict followed an Mr. Finneyfrock told police that clothing for a pair of trousers be-They will go out on the street in July 21. The Sunbeams or junior examination of the bodies of Fred, she was in good health and he longing to Donald Burrer before

### **Bus Riders' Group Plans** night on the hospital grounds after Meeting in Arlington The Arlington County Bus Riders'

nesday in the auditorium of the Washington-Lee High School to 5 Arlington Girl Scouts hear a report on the recent Interstate Commerce Commission hear-on Encampment Unit ing into the petition of the Arnold folds," he let loose with a series of found under his bed. He denied any The July meeting of the Mont- bus lines for increased fares, Francis



Sousaphone. -Star Staff Photos.

## **Naming of Candidates Asked for Arlington** School Board Election larceny charge for theft of the Burrer automobile. He has a record for

R. Le Beau, co-chairman of the Ar- FBI for parole violation. lington School Board Nominating Police Chief Carl McIntosh said Conference today asked citizens of Martin would be questioned the county to suggest "well qualified throughout the day and asked to candidates" for election to the give a complete new statement. school board.

The newly organized conference gested candidates should be submitted by August 1. Arlington residents at a referendum in May a Vienna (Va.) carpenter who thinks voted for a popularly elected school board to replace the present apmembers will be elected at the November general elections.

was attended by representatives of

ference are M. Riggs McCormick. first vice president; Curtis E. Tut-At the same time Admiral Coney hill, second vice president; Mrs.

Montgomery County police said today they are still without information as to the whereabouts of Mrs. Mary Irene Finneyfrock, 32, of near Laytonsville, who disappeared

Cancer Institute, near Bethesda, nusical education combined with the salvation Almy project is one james T. Marsh, Carroll County 10:30 a.m. Friday, according to po-



PLANK MURDER SUSPECT BOOKED—Alvah B. Martin, 29, who was arrested in Kingston, N. Y., | Said it was not in the depository in connection with the murder of Norman Le Roy Plank, is shown as he was booked yesterday by when it was opened the next morn--Star Staff Photo. ing them with their devotional Richard Wahl of the Fairfax County Police.

## **Long Quiz Faces Plank Slaying** Suspect Today

### Says He Took Car Before Murder and Failed to Return

Alvah B. Martin, 29, who admits he was in Norman Le Roy Plank's home the day before he was murdered, faced a long grilling today from detectives bent on breaking down his alibi.

Fairfax County police had a signed statement obtained by Kingston (N. Y.) police in which Martin admitted spending July 5 in the home which Plank shared with his sister. Mrs. Nell L. Burrer, at 4101 Forest lane, Chesterbrook Woods, near Falls

In the statement, Martin said he took Mrs. Burrer's automobile to Washington about 7:30 o'clock that night and never returned to the home, choosing instead to make off with the car and \$14 Plank had given him for liquor.

Detective Chief H. T. Magarity of the Fairfax police, said, however, Martin told him and Detective Sergt. James M. Mahoney a conflicting story about leaving the house Sunday night, July 6, the night Plank presumably was killed. The body was found in the basement early last Monday by Donald Burrer, who like Mrs. Burrer, his mother, had been away for the

Returned From Kingston. Martin's conflicting story was told to the Fairfax detectives while they were returning him yesterday from Kingston, where he was arrested

Lt. Magarity said there was a "big gap" to be filled before the police determine, in a conference with Commonwealth's Attorney Hugh Marsh, whether to file murder charges later in the day. Martin will be arraigned in Trial

Justice Court tomorrow on a grand

stealing another car, as well as Edmund D. Campbell and Oscar other offenses, and is wanted by the

To Face Police Lineup. will sponsor a nominating convenlineup at the Fairfax jail. One of the witnesses will be G. W. McDonaid,

> he saw Martin and Plank together about 11 p.m. July 5 at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department carnival. Chief McIntosh said Mr. McDonald recognized pictures of Plank and Martin as two men to whom he sold

In his statement to Kingston police, Martin said Plank aroused him The two drank heavily Saturday, and that evening it was decided Martin would go to Washington for

women," the statement said.

Stayed at Hotel, He Says. Martin said he found one woman and then decided against returning to the Burrer home. Instead he went to a cheap Washington hotel, leaving the car at a parking lot near the Greyhound bus station.

Tuesday, when he read of the murder and that police had broadcast a lookout for him and the car, he decided to go to the Catskill Mountains, the statement said. He spent a night in Baltimore and another in New York before he was arrested in Kingston last Friday.

Police said they learned Plank children, checked out of the National purchased a large quantity of liquor and beer at a Washington liquor They also reported they found a

Martin said he exchanged his own Although the suspect was reported nervous in Kingston and apparently suffering from a prolonged drinking bout, he seemed at ease on the way to Fairfax and slept most of the time

in the black Buick he is charged

Five Arlington County senior Girl Scouts have been named to a committee arranging a reception for 110 Scouts from all parts of the world who have been attending the World Girl Scout Encampment at Camp Barre, Pa., according to Mrs. Ruby S. Schor, Arlington Scout

executive. The guest Scouts are to arrive in Washington Wednesday and will spend three days in the Capital. Arlington Scouts named to the Reception Committee are:

Helen Houston, 112 North Highland street; Barbara Enyart, 312 North Highland street; Joyce Brust, 5010 North Thirteenth street; Pearl Ray Key, 5807 Four Mile Run drive, and Corrine Cooper, 738 North Nel-

### **Fingerprints** On Checks Clue In \$17,000 Theft

Laboratory examination of \$9,000 in checks found in a money bag atop roof in Alexandria has revealed fingerprints which, police say, may lead to a solution of the mystery of the missing \$17,000 in cash that was

in the bag Alexandria Police Lt. Russell A. Hawes disclosed today that fingerprints were found on the checks but none were discernable on the money bag, which was found Saturday on the roof of a residence at 405 Queen street.

The bag had been missing since hree employes of the J. C. Penney Co., chain department store, said they placed it in the night depository of the First National Bank of Alexandria June 18. Bank officials